



American Citizen Services Unit
U.S. Embassy Santo Domingo
Warden Message



TO: American Citizens and Consular Wardens

FROM: ACS Unit

DATE: August 26, 2009

SUBJECT: Demonstrations and Strikes

The U.S. Embassy is transmitting the following Warden Message to alert U.S. citizens to the possibility of upcoming strikes that could disrupt traffic and other activities in affected areas of the country.

Nationwide strikes and demonstrations could occur in the next ten days or more to protest high prices, poor road conditions, lack of public services, and continuing power outages. There are reports that protests may occur on August 26 at 9 a.m. in front of the electric company (CDEE) located in El Centro de los Heroes, La Feria, Santo Domingo. On September 4 demonstrations could also target Pedro Brand (km 25 Autopista Duarte, located at the toll booth area on the road north out of Santo Domingo). Other demonstrations, both planned and spontaneous, could occur throughout the country. Please take caution to avoid areas where demonstrators may be active, as actions in previous protests have been known to include rock throwing and tire burning.

American citizens are reminded that political demonstrations do not generally occur in areas frequented by tourists and are generally not targeted at foreigners. However, it is always advisable to exercise caution when traveling throughout the country. Street crowds should be avoided. In urban areas, travel should be conducted on main routes whenever possible.

The U.S. Embassy will update this warden message if new information becomes available. American citizens should stay current with media coverage of local events and be aware of their surroundings at all times.

American citizens traveling or residing overseas are encouraged to register with the appropriate U.S. Embassy or Consulate on the State Department's travel registration website at <https://travelregistration.state.gov>.

For any emergencies involving American citizens, please contact the American Citizens Services (ACS) Unit of the U.S. Embassy. The Consular Section Embassy is located at the corner of Cesar Nicolas Penson Street and Máximo Gómez Avenue, Santo Domingo, D.R.; telephone 809-731-4294; after hours emergency telephone 809-221-2171; ACS unit fax 809-689-6142; e-mail acssantodom@state.gov; web page www.usemb.gov.do.